WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A soft-focus cosmetic composition comprising about 3 wt.% or more fumed alumina particles.

2. The soft-focus cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the cosmetic composition comprises about 5 wt.% or more fumed alumina particles.

3. The soft-focus cosmetic composition of claim 2, wherein the cosmetic composition comprises about 15 wt.% or more fumed alumina particles.

4. The soft-focus cosmetic composition of claim 3, wherein the cosmetic composition comprises about 30 wt.% or more fumed alumina particles.

5. The soft-focus cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the fumed alumina particles have an average aggregate particle size (by number) of about 50 nm or more.

6. The soft-focus cosmetic composition of claim 5, wherein the fumed alumina particles have an average aggregate particle size (by number) of about 300 nm or less.

7. The soft-focus cosmetic composition of claim 6, wherein about 70 wt.% or more of the fumed alumina particles have an aggregate particle size of 300 nm or less.

8. The soft-focus cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the fumed alumina particles have an average agglomerate particle size (by number) of about 5 μm or more.

9. The soft-focus cosmetic composition of claim 8, wherein the fumed alumina particles have an average agglomerate particle size (by number) of about 30 μm or less.

10. The soft-focus cosmetic composition of claim 8, wherein about 70 wt.% or more of the fumed alumina particles have an agglomerate particle size of 5 μm or more.

11. The soft-focus cosmetic composition of claim 9, wherein about 70 wt.% or more of the fumed alumina particles have an agglomerate particle size of 30 μm or less.

12. The soft-focus cosmetic composition of claim 1, wherein the fumed alumina particles comprise a combined δ*-phase and θ-phase crystalline alumina content of about 30% or more.

13. A method of enhancing the soft-focus effect of a cosmetic composition comprising combining the cosmetic composition with about 3 wt.% or more fumed alumina particles.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the cosmetic composition comprises about 5 wt.% or more fumed alumina particles.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the cosmetic composition comprises about 15 wt.% or more fumed alumina particles.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the cosmetic composition comprises about 30 wt.% or more fumed alumina particles.

17. The method of claim 13, wherein the fumed alumina particles have an average aggregate particle size (by number) of about 50 nm or more.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the fumed alumina particles have an average aggregate particle size (by number) of about 300 nm or less.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein about 70 wt.% or more of the fumed alumina particles have an aggregate particle size of 300 nm or less.

20. The method of claim 13, wherein the fumed alumina particles have an average agglomerate particle size (by number) of about 5 μm or more.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the fumed alumina particles have an average agglomerate particle size (by number) of about 30 μm or less.

22. The method of claim 20, wherein about 70 wt.% or more of the fumed alumina particles have an agglomerate particle size of 5 μm or more.

23. The method of claim 21, wherein about 70 wt.% or more of the fumed alumina particles have an agglomerate particle size of 30 μm or less.

24. The method of claim 13, wherein the fumed alumina particles comprise a combined δ*-phase and θ-phase crystalline alumina content of about 30% or more.

25. A method for disguising skin imperfections comprising applying a cosmetic composition to the skin, wherein the cosmetic composition comprises about 3 wt.% or more fumed alumina particles.

26. The method of claim 25, wherein the cosmetic composition comprises about 5 wt.% or more fumed alumina particles.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein the cosmetic composition comprises about 15 wt.% or more fumed alumina particles.

28. The method of claim 27, wherein the cosmetic composition comprises about 30 wt.% or more fumed alumina particles.

29. The method of claim 25, wherein the fumed alumina particles have an average aggregate particle size (by number) of about 50 nm or more.

30. The method of claim 29, wherein the fumed alumina particles have an average aggregate particle size (by number) of about 300 nm or less.

31. The method of claim 30, wherein about 70 wt.% or more of the fumed alumina particles have an aggregate particle size of 300 nm or less.

32. The method of claim 25, wherein the fumed alumina particles have an average agglomerate particle size (by number) of about 5 μm or more.

33. The method of claim 32, wherein the fumed alumina particles have an average agglomerate particle size (by number) of about 30 μm or less.

34. The method of claim 32, wherein about 70 wt.% or more of the fumed alumina particles have an agglomerate particle size of 5 μm or more.

35. The method of claim 33, wherein about 70 wt.% or more of the fumed alumina particles have an agglomerate particle size of 30 μm or less.

36. The method of claim 25, wherein the fumed alumina particles comprise a combined δ*-phase and θ-phase crystalline alumina content of about 30% or more.